Sanctioning special projects in Andhra Pradesh

2180. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the month of March, 2002, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a proposal to the Ministry for sanctioning the special projects in Anantapur, Mahaboobnagar and Vizianagaram districts of A.P.;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the action that has been contemplated on the request of the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (c) Government of Andhra Pradesh had submitted three proposals for Poverty Alleviation Programme through use of Improved Agricultural Technology in Anantapur, Mehboobnagar and Vizianagaram districts of Andhra Pradesh under the Special Project component of the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) in the month of January, 2002. Total cost of these Projects was Rs. 42.36 crores (Rs. 14.74 crores for Anantapur, Rs. 14.88 crores for Mehboobnagar and Rs. 12.74 crores for Vizianagaram). The projects were envisaged to benefit 5400 families and 2700 acres of land covering 50 villages of Anatapur district, 8000 families and 3200 acres land covering the 50 villages of Mehboobnagar district and 2080 families and 2600 acres of land covering 52 villages in Vizianagaram district. These projects were brought before the PSC. Meanwhile, State Government had desired to reprioritize these projects. The State Government has now recommended project for Anantapur only which is under consideration.

National policy on rehabilitation of drought affected families

2181. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a National Policy on resettlement and rehabilitation of drought affected families;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;